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SUBJECT: ENGINEERS OVERSEAS HANDBOOK-1976 EDITION

REF: DEPT. A-3707, JULY 26 AND A-2642, MAY 24

1. THERE FOLLOW THE ANSWERS TO THE 1976 QUESTIONNAIRE ENCLOSED WITH A-2642.
1A TO PRACTICE ENGINEERING, THAT IS TO ASSUME LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR DESIGN WORK, AN ENGINEER MUST BE A MEMBER OF ONE OF THE SPANISH COLLEGES OF ENGINEERS. THE ABILITY TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY IS LIMITED BY THE NATURE OF THE DEGREE PRESENTED. ONLY AN ENGINEER WHO HAS SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED HIS TECHNICAL TRAINING IN SPAIN OR WHOSE FOREIGN DEGREES HAVE BEEN VALIDATED BY THE SPANISH GOVERNMENT CAN BE A MEMBER OF A COLLEGE OF ENGINEERS.
1B. N/A
1C. A FOREIGN ENGINEER MUST BELONG TO ONE OF THE COLLEGES OF ENGINEERS IN ORDER TO PRACTICE IN SPAIN.
1D. N/A.
1E. N/A

2. YES. THE SPANISH ENGINEERING SOCIETY, "INSTITUTO DE INGENIEROS CIVILES," GENERAL GODED 38, MADRID 4, WITH APPROXIMATELY 16,000 MEMBERS.

3A, 3B, 3C, 3D. SAME RESPONSE AS FOR 1970 QUESTIONNAIRE NO. 3.

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4A. LOCAL PARTICIPATION IS NOT REQUIRED BUT IS ADVISABLE.

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5A. ENGINEERING SERVICES ARE USUALLY BID SEPARATELY FROM
CONSTRUCTION OR EQUIPMENT SUPPLY.
5B & 5C. CONSULTING SERVICES MAY BE BID OR NEGOTIATED.
5D. SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES IS NORMALLY UNDER SPANISH LAW.
5E. PRE-BID FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS ARE NOT NORMALLY REQUIRED.
5F. US CONSULTING ENGINEERS MAY ONLY BID A WORK WHERE
SPANISH TECHNOLOGY IS NOT AVAILABLE.

6. US CONSULTING FIRMS MUST WORK IN ASSOCIATION WITH A
SPANISH COMPANY.

7. NO DIFFICULTY SHOULD BE ENCOUNTERED IN CONVERTING OF
CURRENCY OR REPATRIATION OF FEES.

8A. YES
8B. 33 PERCENT
8C. YES
8D. YES
8E. YES

9A. YES

9B. INCOME FROM PERSONAL SERVICES IS TAXED AT THE RATE
OF 12 PER CENT AFTER DEDUCTING A TAX FREE ALLOWANCE OF 100,000
PESETAS. IN ADDITION THERE IS AN INCOME TAX ON TAXABLE
INCOME, AFTER AUTHORIZED DEDUCTIONS, OF MORE THAN
300,000 PESETAS. THIS INCOME TAX RATE IS FROM 15 PERCENT
TO 56.12 PERCENT, THE LATTER ON TAXABLE INCOME EXCEEDING
ONE MILLION PESETAS.
9C. MATERIAL IMPORTED FOR PROJECT USE IS NORMALLY
IMPORTED FREE OF DUTY UNDER THE OWNERS PERMITS. MATERIAL
IMPORTED FOR PERSONAL USE BY US EXPATRIATE PERSONNEL IS
USUALLY FREE OF DUTY IF IT IS NOT NEW.

10. THERE ARE NO GOVERNMENT AGENCIES THAT REGULARLY
EMPLOY FOREIGN ENGINEERS.

11A. THE OFFICIAL AND COMMERCIAL LANGUAGE IS SPANISH.
B. THE METRIC SYSTEM OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES IS USED.
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12. SAME RESPONSE AS FOR 1970 QUESTIONNAIRE, NO. 12.
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